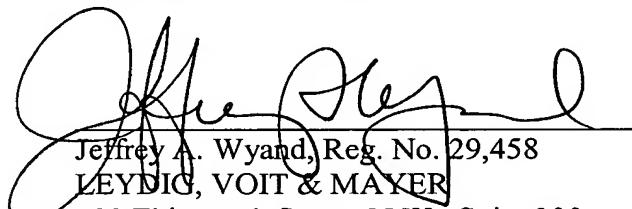


REMARKS

The foregoing Amendment corrects translational errors and conforms the claims to United States practice. No new matter is added.

The drawing amendments conform the drawings to U.S. practice regarding numbering and section lines.

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